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THERE ARE TWO MENACES CAPABLE OF MAKING MIGHTY SUPERMAN'S LIFE MISERABLE! ONE IS KRYPTONITE, WHICH CAN ROB HIM OF HIS TREMENDOUS SUPER-POWERS, AND KILL HIM! THE OTHER MENACE IS THAT IMP FROM THE FIFTH DIMENSION, MR. MXYZPTLK... WHOSE GREATEST JOY IS TO COME TO OUR WORLD AND PLAY MAGICAL PRANKS ON SUPERMAN! BUT EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY, THEY SAY. THUS IT IS THAT ONE DAY SUPERMAN LOSES HIS PATIENCE AND DECIDES TO STOP BEING THE VICTIM OF THE EXASPERATING IMP'S PRANKS AND VISITS—

"The WORLD of MR. MXYZPTLK!"

YOU PEST! GET OUT OF MY FIFTH DIMENSIONAL WORLD, SUPERMAN, AND STOP PLAYING SUPER-PRANKS ON ME!

YOU'VE BEEN PESTERING ME ON EARTH FOR YEARS! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE, MR. MXYZPTLK!

LATE ONE AFTERNOON, IN THE JOR-EL ROOM OF SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE AT THE NORTH POLE...

I'D BETTER HURRY OR I'LL BE LATE FOR MY ANNUAL SHOW AT THE SMALLVILLE ORPHANAGE! PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IT, BUT I STAYED THERE FOR A SHORT WHILE WHEN I FIRST REACHED EARTH AS A CHILD!

LARA

JOR-EL

ROCKET SHIP WHICH BROUGHT JOR-EL'S CHILD TO EARTH WHEN THE PLANET KRYPTON EXPLODED

BUT AS THE MAN OF STEEL STREAKS TO THE UNITED STATES...

THAT HUGE, FALLING GLOBE MAY BE DANGEROUS! NO ONE'S INSIDE! I'LL DESTROY IT BEFORE IT CAUSES TERRIBLE DAMAGE TO THE CITY BELOW!

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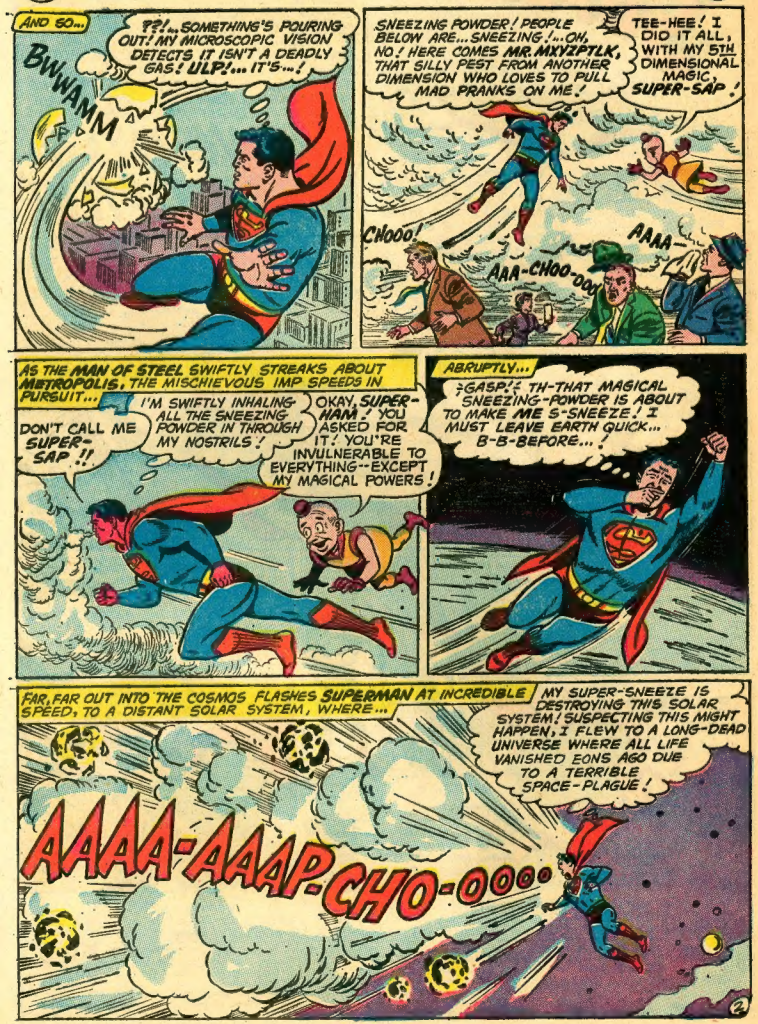
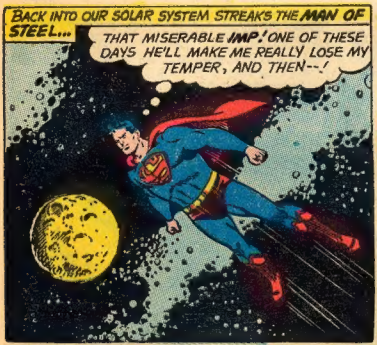
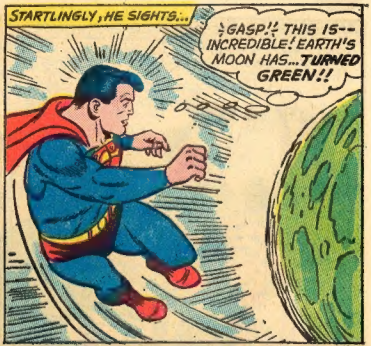
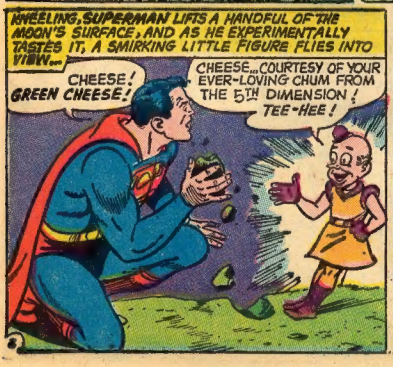

AND SO...
??!... SOMETHING'S POURING OUT! MY MICROSCOPIC VISION DETECTS IT ISN'T A DEADLY GAS! ULP!... IT'S...!
BWAMM
SNEEZING POWDER! PEOPLE BELOW ARE... SNEEZING!... OH, NO! HERE COMES MR. MXYZPTLK, THAT SILLY PEST FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION WHO LOVES TO PULL MAD PRANKS ON ME!
TEE-HEE! I DID IT ALL, WITH MY 5TH DIMENSIONAL MAGIC, SUPER-SAP!
CHOOO!
AAA-CHOO-OOO
AAAA-
AS THE MAN OF STEEL SWIFTLY STREAKS ABOUT METROPOLIS, THE MISCHIEVOUS IMP SPEEDS IN PURSUIT...
I'M SWIFTLY INHALING ALL THE SNEEZING POWDER IN THROUGH MY NOSTRILS!
OKAY, SUPER-WAM! YOU ASKED FOR IT! YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO EVERYTHING--EXCEPT MY MAGICAL POWERS!
DON'T CALL ME SUPER-SAP!!
ABRUPTLY...
GASP! TH-THAT MAGICAL SNEEZING-POWDER IS ABOUT TO MAKE ME S-SNEEZE! I MUST LEAVE EARTH QUICK... B-B-BEFORE...!
FAR, FAR OUT INTO THE COSMOS FLASHES SUPERMAN AT INCREDIBLE SPEED, TO A DISTANT SOLAR SYSTEM, WHERE...
MY SUPER-SNEEZE IS DESTROYING THIS SOLAR SYSTEM! SUSPECTING THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, I FLEW TO A LONG-DEAD UNIVERSE WHERE ALL LIFE VANISHED EONS AGO DUE TO A TERRIBLE SPACE-PLAGUE!
AAAA-AAAP-CHO-OOOO

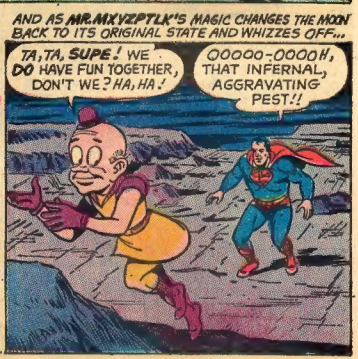

BACK INTO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM STREAKS THE MAN OF STEEL...
THAT MISERABLE IMP! ONE OF THESE DAYS HE'LL MAKE ME REALLY LOSE MY TEMPER, AND THEN--!

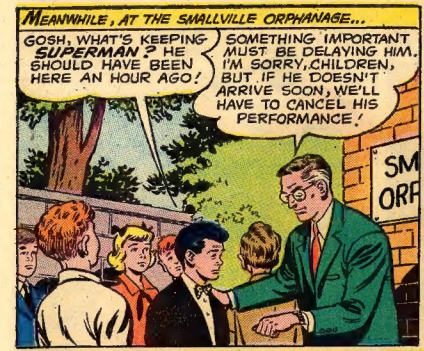

STARTLINGLY, HE SIGHTS...
GASP!! THIS IS--INCREDIBLE! EARTH'S MOON HAS...TURNED GREEN!!

DOWN TOWARD THE MOON'S SURFACE FLASHES SUPERMAN...
WHAT KIND OF A TERRIBLE CALAMITY HAS BEFALLEN THE MOON? I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE, IMMEDIATELY!

OH, NO! IT CAN'T BE!

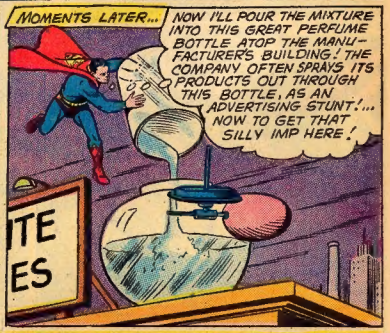

KNEELING, SUPERMAN LIFTS A HANDFUL OF THE MOON'S SURFACE, AND AS HE EXPERIMENTALLY TASTES IT, A SMIRKING LITTLE FIGURE FLIES INTO VIEW...
CHEESE! GREEN CHEESE!
CHEESE... COURTESY OF YOUR EVER-LOVING CHUM FROM THE 5TH DIMENSION! TEE-HEE!


AND AS MR. MXYZPTLK'S MAGIC CHANGES THE MOON BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE AND WHIZZES OFF...
TA, TA, SUPE! WE DO HAVE FUN TOGETHER, DON'T WE? HA, HA!
OOOOO-OOOOH, THAT INFERNAL, AGGRAVATING PEST!!

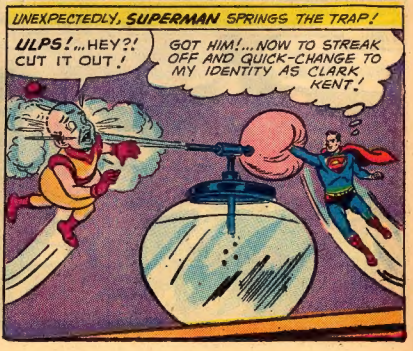

MEANWHILE, AT THE SMALLVILLE ORPHANAGE...
GOSH, WHAT'S KEEPING SUPERMAN? HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE AN HOUR AGO!
SOMETHING IMPORTANT MUST BE DELAYING HIM. I'M SORRY, CHILDREN, BUT IF HE DOESN'T ARRIVE SOON, WE'LL HAVE TO CANCEL HIS PERFORMANCE!

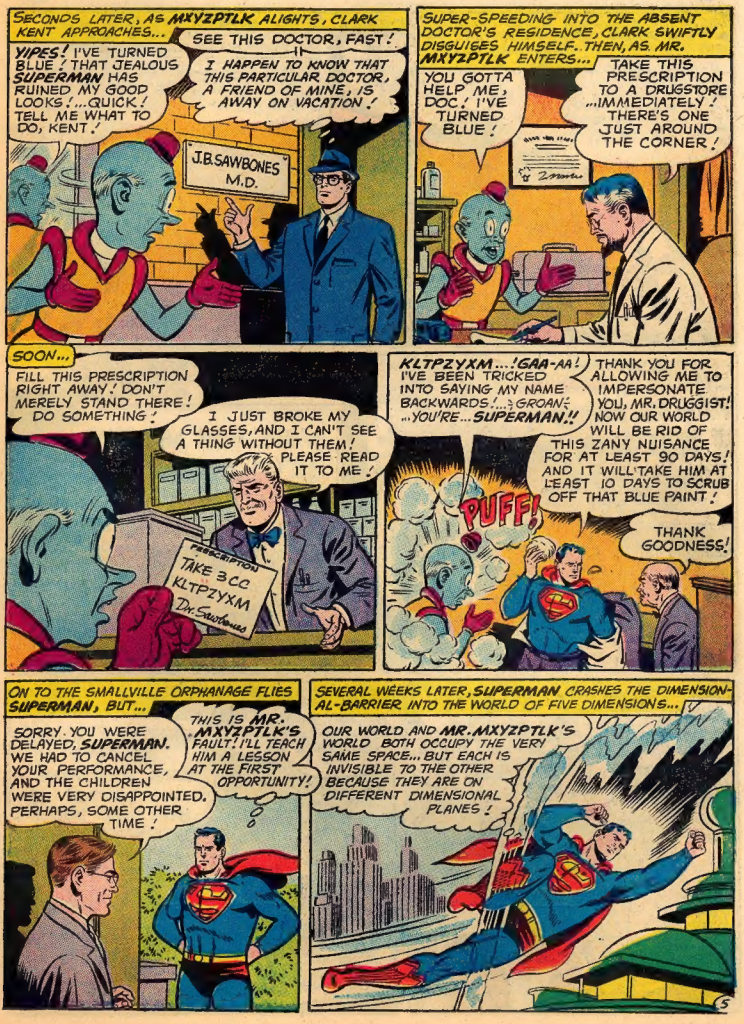
BACK TOWARD EARTH FLIES A GRIM SUPERMAN...
THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET RID OF MR. MXYZPTLK IS TO TRICK HIM INTO PRONOUNCING HIS NAME BACKWARDS! THAT AUTOMATICALLY RETURNS HIM TO THE 5TH DIMENSION FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS! HMM...I HAVE AN IDEA!

SOON, SUPERMAN CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT OF A PERFUME MANUFACTURING COMPANY...
FEEL FREE TO BORROW ANYTHING IN OUR LABORATORY, SUPERMAN!
THANKS! FIRST I'LL WHIP UP A FEW GALLONS OF BLUE, INDELIBLE LIQUID!
Exquisite Perfumes INC.


MOMENTS LATER...
NOW I'LL POUR THE MIXTURE INTO THIS GREAT PERFUME BOTTLE ATOP THE MANUFACTURER'S BUILDING! THE COMPANY OFTEN SPRAYS ITS PRODUCTS OUT THROUGH THIS BOTTLE, AS AN ADVERTISING STUNT!... NOW TO GET THAT SILLY IMP HERE!
TE
ES

AND AS DUSK FALLS...
AH, THERE! IT'S MY BUDDY, STUPORMAN!
IT WAS EASY TO FIND MXYZPTLK AND LURE HIM INTO FOLLOWING ME!


UNEXPECTEDLY, SUPERMAN SPRINGS THE TRAP!
ULPS!...HEY?! CUT IT OUT!
GOT HIM!...NOW TO STREAK OFF AND QUICK-CHANGE TO MY IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT!


SECONDS LATER, AS MXYZPTLK ALIGHTS, CLARK KENT APPROACHES...
SEE THIS DOCTOR, FAST!
YIPES! I'VE TURNED BLUE! THAT JEALOUS SUPERMAN HAS RUINED MY GOOD LOOKS!...QUICK! TELL ME WHAT TO DO, KENT!
I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT THIS PARTICULAR DOCTOR, A FRIEND OF MINE, IS AWAY ON VACATION!
J.B.SAWBONES M.D.
SUPER-SPEEDING INTO THE ABSENT DOCTOR'S RESIDENCE, CLARK SWIFTLY DISGUISES HIMSELF. THEN, AS MR. MXYZPTLK ENTERS...
YOU GOTTA HELP ME, DOC! I'VE TURNED BLUE!
TAKE THIS PRESCRIPTION TO A DRUGSTORE ...IMMEDIATELY! THERE'S ONE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
SOON...
FILL THIS PRESCRIPTION RIGHT AWAY! DON'T MERELY STAND THERE! DO SOMETHING!
I JUST BROKE MY GLASSES, AND I CAN'T SEE A THING WITHOUT THEM! PLEASE READ IT TO ME!
PRESCRIPTION
TAKE 3 CC
KLTPZYXM
Dr. Sawbones
KLTPZYXM....!GAA-AA! I'VE BEEN TRICKED INTO SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS!...GROAN!...YOU'RE...SUPERMAN!!
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO IMPERSONATE YOU, MR. DRUGGIST! NOW OUR WORLD WILL BE RID OF THIS ZANY NUISANCE FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS! AND IT WILL TAKE HIM AT LEAST 10 DAYS TO SCRUB OFF THAT BLUE PAINT!
PUFF!
THANK GOODNESS!
ON TO THE SMALLVILLE ORPHANAGE FLIES SUPERMAN, BUT...
SORRY. YOU WERE DELAYED, SUPERMAN. WE HAD TO CANCEL YOUR PERFORMANCE, AND THE CHILDREN WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED. PERHAPS, SOME OTHER TIME!
THIS IS MR. MXYZPTLK'S FAULT! I'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY!
SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, SUPERMAN CRASHES THE DIMENSIONAL-BARRIER INTO THE WORLD OF FIVE DIMENSIONS...
OUR WORLD AND MR. MXYZPTLK'S WORLD BOTH OCCUPY THE VERY SAME SPACE... BUT EACH IS INVISIBLE TO THE OTHER BECAUSE THEY ARE ON DIFFERENT DIMENSIONAL PLANES!

THE FIFTH DIMENSIONAL WORLD IS INDEED WONDROUS, BUT SUPERMAN SOON ENCOUNTERS THE MOST AMAZING SIGHT OF ALL...
IN RESPONSE TO ABSOLUTELY NO DEMAND AT ALL, I AM DELIGHTED TO RUN FOR MAYOR! VOTE FOR MXYZPTLK ON THE SCATTERBRAIN TICKET!
GASP! THAT IRRESPONSIBLE IMP IS RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE!
EASILY, SUPERMAN'S SUPER-VISION TRACES THE BROADCAST'S TELE-WAVES TO THEIR SOURCE...
THERE HE IS, BELOW, BEFORE TELEVISION CAMERAS! MM-MM! I WONDER HOW HE'D ENJOY BEING THE BUTT OF PRANKS, FOR A CHANGE!
ALIGHTING, SUPERMAN SCOOPS A HANDFUL OF PEBBLES INTO HIS MOUTH, LIKE POP-CORN...
VOTE FOR MXYZPTL IF YOU WANT HIGH TAXES TO GO DOWN
SEE THAT ELECTRIC SIGN? READ IT, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT ME!
EXPERTLY, THE MAN OF STEEL BLOWS THE PEBBLES OUT OF HIS MOUTH WITH ACCURATE AIM AND HILARIOUS RESULTS...
VOTE FOR MXYZPTL IF YOU WANT HIGH TAXES
HAAA-AAAAA! HAAA-AA!
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING AT? AWP!
GASP! ...SUPERMAN! YOU DID THIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY DIMENSION?
OH, I JUST THOUGHT I'D DROP BY FOR A FRIENDLY VISIT! LIKE THE KIND YOU'VE BEEN INFLICTING ON ME, FOR YEARS! BE SEEING YOU!
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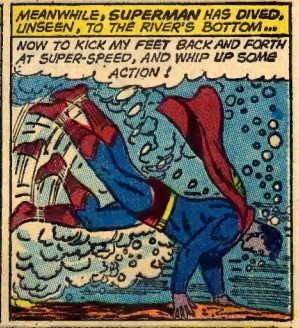
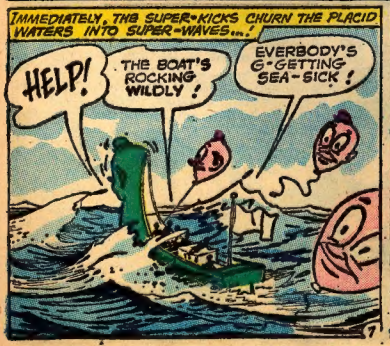
NEXT DAY, AT A PICNIC SPONSORED BY MXYZPTLK
HA, HA! ENJOY YOURSELVES, FOLKS! THE FOOD'S ON ME!
MXYZPTLK FOR MAYOR! IDIOTS VOTE FOR MXYZPTLK WHY NOT YOU?

SUDDENLY, AN UNINVITED GUEST CRASHES THE PICNIC...
SPL-LASH!!
WHACK!

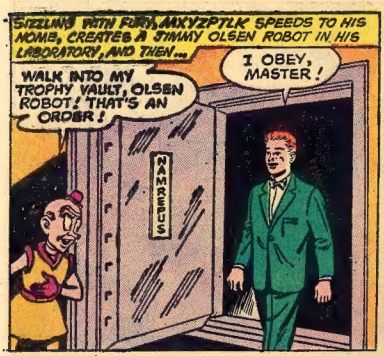
THAT RIDICULOUS CHARACTER FOR MAYOR? HOW SILLY!
HAA HAAA HA-AAA
LIKE HE SAID, FOLKS--THE FOOD IS ON HIM!

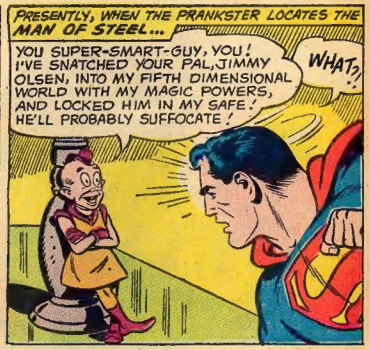
ON THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON, MXYZPTLK OFFERS FREE BOAT RIDES TO ONE AND ALL...
DON'T BOTHER TO THANK ME, FOLKS! JUST THINK OF THE WONDERFUL TIME YOU HAD ON THIS BOAT WHEN YOU VOTE FOR MAYOR!
VOTE BOAT-- MXYZPTLK FOR MAYOR

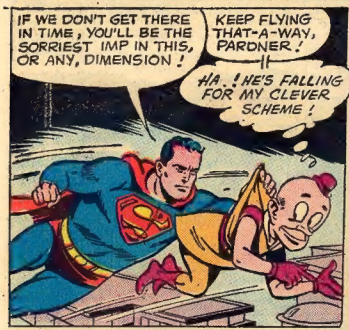

MEANWHILE, SUPERMAN HAS DIVED, UNSEEN, TO THE RIVER'S BOTTOM...
NOW TO KICK MY FEET BACK AND FORTH AT SUPER-SPEED, AND WHIP UP SOME ACTION!

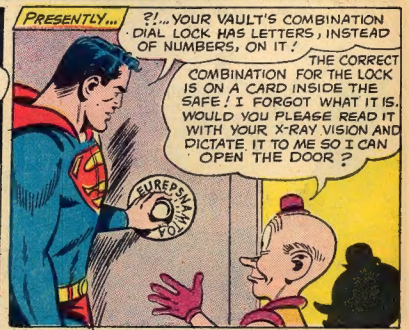

IMMEDIATELY, THE SUPER-KICKS CHURN THE PLACID WATERS INTO SUPER-WAVES...
HELP!
THE BOAT'S ROCKING WILDLY!
EVERBODY'S G-GETTING SEA-SICK!

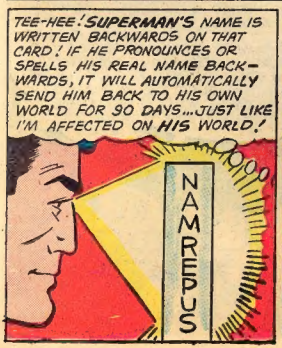
WHEN THE WATERS BECOME CALM AGAIN, AND THE BOAT DOCKS...
WE'LL REMEMBER THIS AWFUL BOAT RIDE WHEN WE VOTE TODAY! IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO VOTE AGAINST YOU, MXYZPTLK!
THIS MUST ALL BE YOUR FAULT, SUPERMAN! GO ON... LAUGH AT ME! BUT YOU'LL BE SORRY, YOU'LL SEE!


SIZZLING WITH FURY, MXYZPTLK SPEEDS TO HIS HOME, CREATES A JIMMY OLSEN ROBOT IN HIS LABORATORY, AND THEN...
I OBEY, MASTER!
WALK INTO MY TROPHY VAULT, OLSEN ROBOT! THAT'S AN ORDER!
NAMREPUS

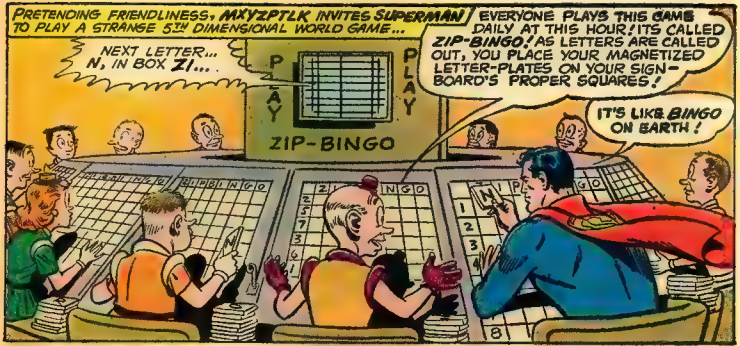

PRESENTLY, WHEN THE PRANKSTER LOCATES THE MAN OF STEEL...
YOU SUPER-SMART-GUY, YOU! I'VE SNATCHED YOUR PAL, JIMMY OLSEN, INTO MY FIFTH DIMENSIONAL WORLD WITH MY MAGIC POWERS, AND LOCKED HIM IN MY SAFE! HE'LL PROBABLY SUFFOCATE!
WHAT?!

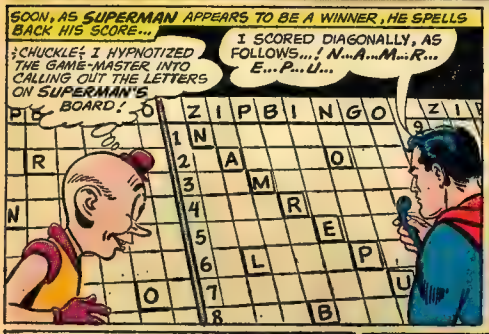

IF WE DON'T GET THERE IN TIME, YOU'LL BE THE SORRIEST IMP IN THIS, OR ANY, DIMENSION!
KEEP FLYING THAT-A-WAY, PARDNER!
HA! HE'S FALLING FOR MY CLEVER SCHEME!

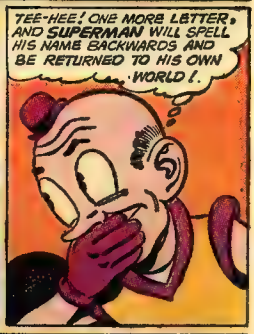

PRESENTLY...
?!... YOUR VAULT'S COMBINATION DIAL LOCK HAS LETTERS, INSTEAD OF NUMBERS, ON IT!
THE CORRECT COMBINATION FOR THE LOCK IS ON A CARD INSIDE THE SAFE! I FORGOT WHAT IT IS. WOULD YOU PLEASE READ IT WITH YOUR X-RAY VISION AND DICTATE IT TO ME SO I CAN OPEN THE DOOR?

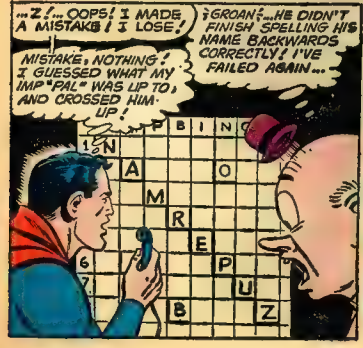

TEE-HEE! SUPERMAN'S NAME IS WRITTEN BACKWARDS ON THAT CARD! IF HE PRONOUNCES OR SPELLS HIS REAL NAME BACKWARDS, IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY SEND HIM BACK TO HIS OWN WORLD FOR 90 DAYS... JUST LIKE I'M AFFECTED ON HIS WORLD!
NAMREPUS

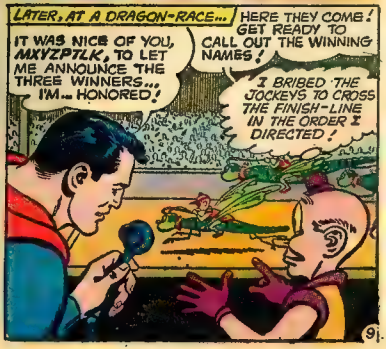
NEXT MOMENT...
WHY BOTHER? I'LL JUST YANK IT OFF... OH, HO! A ROBOT! YOU TRIED TO TRICK ME INTO READING MY NAME BACKWARDS!
THE FOOL! HE FAILED TO EQUIP THIS OLSEN ROBOT WITH THE SIGNAL-WATCH JIMMY ALWAYS WEARS -- A DETAIL MY X-RAY VISION SPOTTED!
GRRR... I FAILED, BUT I'LL PROVE I'M A GOOD SPORT!

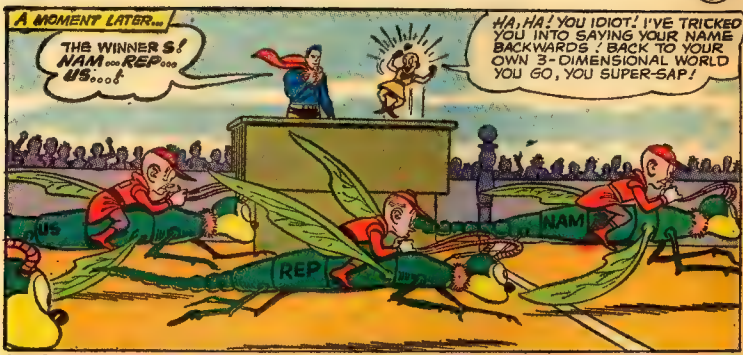

PRETENDING FRIENDLINESS, MXYZPTLK INVITES SUPERMAN TO PLAY A STRANGE 5TH DIMENSIONAL WORLD GAME...
EVERYONE PLAYS THIS GAME DAILY AT THIS HOUR! ITS CALLED ZIP-BINGO! AS LETTERS ARE CALLED OUT, YOU PLACE YOUR MAGNETIZED LETTER-PLATES ON YOUR SIGN-BOARD'S PROPER SQUARES!
NEXT LETTER... N, IN BOX Z1....
P L A Y
ZIP-BINGO
IT'S LIKE BINGO ON EARTH!


SOON, AS SUPERMAN APPEARS TO BE A WINNER, HE SPELLS BACK HIS SCORE...
;CHUCKLE; I HYPNOTIZED THE GAME-MASTER INTO CALLING OUT THE LETTERS ON SUPERMAN'S BOARD!
I SCORED DIAGONALLY, AS FOLLOWS...! N...A...M...R... E...P...U...
ZIPBINGO

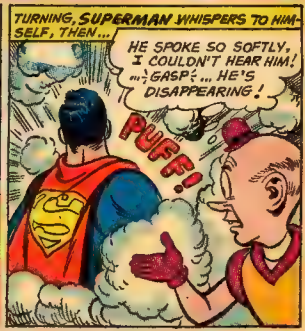

TEE-HEE! ONE MORE LETTER, AND SUPERMAN WILL SPELL HIS NAME BACKWARDS AND BE RETURNED TO HIS OWN WORLD!

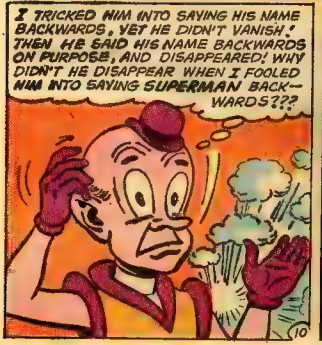

...Z!... OOPS! I MADE A MISTAKE! I LOSE!
;GROAN;...HE DIDN'T FINISH SPELLING HIS NAME BACKWARDS CORRECTLY! I'VE FAILED AGAIN...
MISTAKE, NOTHING! I GUESSED WHAT MY IMP "PAL" WAS UP TO, AND CROSSED HIM UP!


LATER, AT A DRAGON-RACE...
HERE THEY COME! GET READY TO CALL OUT THE WINNING NAMES!
IT WAS NICE OF YOU, MXYZPTLK, TO LET ME ANNOUNCE THE THREE WINNERS... I'M... HONORED!
I BRIBED THE JOCKEYS TO CROSS THE FINISH-LINE IN THE ORDER I DIRECTED!


A MOMENT LATER...
THE WINNER S! NAM... REP... US...!
HA, HA! YOU IDIOT! I'VE TRICKED YOU INTO SAYING YOUR NAME BACKWARDS! BACK TO YOUR OWN 3-DIMENSIONAL WORLD YOU GO, YOU SUPER-SAP!
US
REP
NAM

HUH?!--YOU HAVEN'T DISAPPEARED, THOUGH YOU PRONOUNCED YOUR NAME BACKWARDS! IMPOSSIBLE!
NEWS FLASH, MXYZPTLK! YOU LOST THE ELECTION!
NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN TAUGHT A LESSON, I'LL RETURN TO MY OWN WORLD VOLUNTARILY! WATCH!


TURNING, SUPERMAN WHISPERS TO HIMSELF, THEN...
HE SPOKE SO SOFTLY, I COULDN'T HEAR HIM! ...GASP!... HE'S DISAPPEARING!
PUFF!


I TRICKED HIM INTO SAYING HIS NAME BACKWARDS, YET HE DIDN'T VANISH! THEN HE SAID HIS NAME BACKWARDS ON PURPOSE, AND DISAPPEARED! WHY DIDN'T HE DISAPPEAR WHEN I FOOLED HIM INTO SAYING SUPERMAN BACKWARDS???
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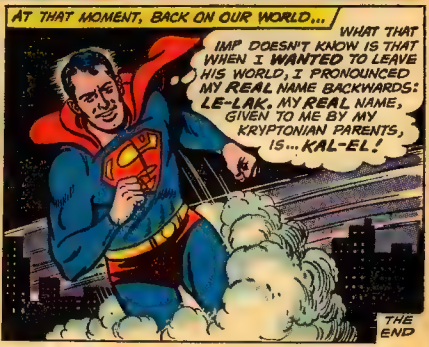
AT THAT MOMENT, BACK ON OUR WORLD...
WHAT THAT IMP DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT WHEN I WANTED TO LEAVE HIS WORLD, I PRONOUNCED MY REAL NAME BACKWARDS: LE-LAK. MY REAL NAME, GIVEN TO ME BY MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS, IS... KAL-EL!
THE END

Who is HAWKMAN --

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ON SALE DECEMBER 29th

Dear Editor: I know you won't print this, but just the same I want you to know how I feel about this. In your recent story, "The Old Man of Metropolis," you show that after his retirement SUPERMAN was forgotten by everybody. I think you should be ashamed of yourself. Caesar wasn't forgotten, Washington wasn't forgotten, nor was Abraham Lincoln. Looks to me that even after his retirement SUPERMAN would still be honored for his past great feats.

John Ogwyn, Taylor, La.

(You're much too hard on us. You forget that this entire story was a dream. We agree with you that in real life history will always tell of SUPERMAN's heroic deeds.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Readers have written to you pointing out the numerous L.L.s which prevail in your stories: Lois Lane, Lana Lang, etc. Others have pointed out how many K's you've given us: Kent, Kal-El, Kryptonite, Krypto, etc. But I am wondering about the abundance of green. Brainiac's skin, Kryptonite, Jor-El's suit and Lois Lane's super-suit are all green. Besides that, in other comics you have a green-skinned J'onn J'onzz, the Green Arrow and the Green Lantern. Is there a reason for this?

Leonard Henderson, Canyon, Texas.

(And in this issue, Mr. Mxyzptlk turns the moon into green cheese. We can't account for this favoring of the color green. Incidentally, you are the first reader ever to have noticed this strange chain of coincidences.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I don't think it's fair. If SUPERBOY can have his own magazine, why can't SUPERGIRL? Is SUPERBOY better than SUPERGIRL? This is probably a waste of four cents. I doubt if you will even print this.

Joe Torchia, California, Pa.

(Patience is a great virtue, Joe. SUPERBOY appeared in ADVENTURE COMICS for several years before he was deemed popular enough to be featured in his own magazine. So please wait and see what the future has in store for SUPERGIRL. In the meanwhile, we shall continue to feature SUPERGIRL in all our "super-family" of magazines.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I am tired of reading stories in which SUPERMAN always wins. Once in a while let SUPERMAN lose. In real life, no hero is triumphant ALL the time.

Bruce Hermalin, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(SUPERMAN "lost" in a recent issue of SUPERMAN COMICS, when he returned to his native planet, Krypton, and couldn't prevent it from exploding. He also "lost" in a recent SUPERBOY COMICS, when Luthor prevented him from saving Abraham Lincoln from his assassin's bullet. And SUPERMAN lost in his first duel with BRAINIAC, when he couldn't restore the shrunken city of Kandor to its original size. So it looks as if you lose, too.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In your wonderful October edition of ACTION COMICS, you have a coupon inviting readers to join the "Supermen of America" Club. Does Super-MEN mean that only boys may join? I'm a girl, and I would like to join this Club, too.

Barbara Schoeman, Englewood, N. J.

(Sorry if we seem to have slighted the fair sex, but this club is also open to girls. As a matter of fact, more than six thousand girls already belong to this organization.—Ed.)

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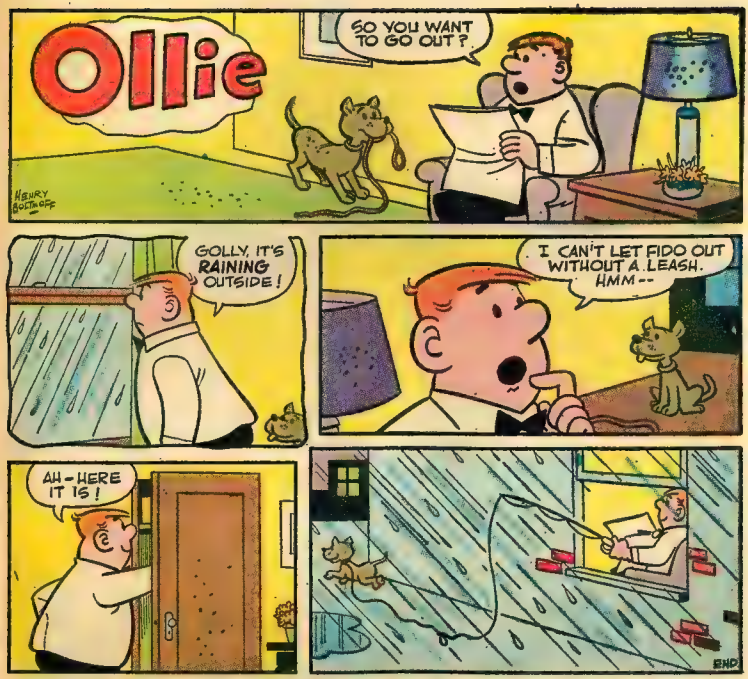
Dear Editor: I like your SUPERGIRL stories very much, but since Linda Lee is in her teens, shouldn't she have a more sophisticated hair style? I think braids are OK for a ten-year old, but not for Linda. After all, she's past sixteen.

Judy Bloch, Los Angeles, Calif.

(So many readers have been urging Artist Jim Mooney, who illustrates SUPERGIRL, to give Linda Lee a new hair-style that we asked him to whip up a few suggestions for a more modern one. You'll find his ideas on a full page elsewhere in this issue. Readers can vote for the style which they prefer the most by writing us care of this department.—Ed.)

Note: Send all comments on a postal card to: Metropolis Mailbag, National Comics, 575 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.



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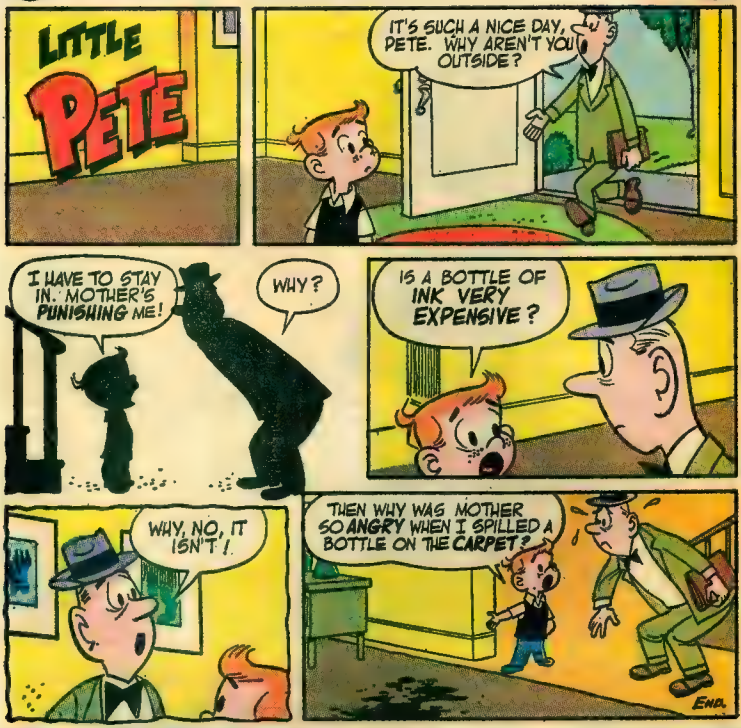

SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

(Code Jupiter No. 4)

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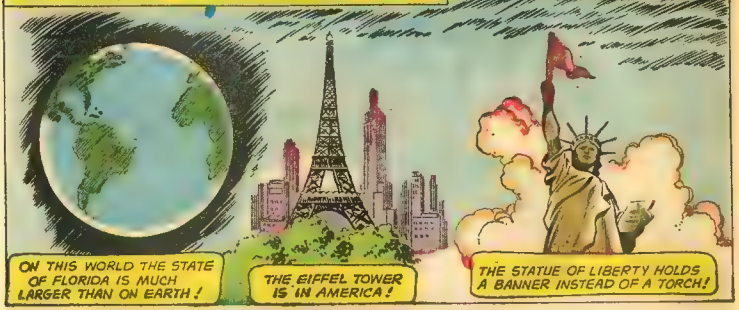
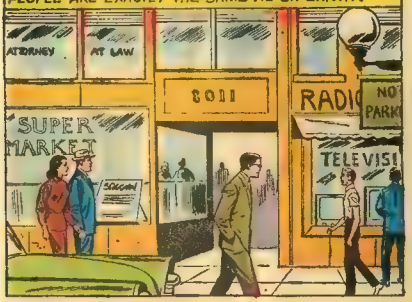
SUPERGIRL
LOOK, SUPERGIRL! THIS IS AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE ROCKET THAT FIRST BROUGHT YOU TO EARTH! IT WILL BE A PERMANENT MONUMENT TO YOUR FAME! PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER WILL COME TO SEE IT!
SUPERMAN DOESN'T KNOW THAT'S MY DOUBLE, MARVEL MAID... NOT ME! BUT HOW THRILLING IT IS TO KNOW THAT WHEN I RETURN TO EARTH HE WILL FINALLY REVEAL ME TO THE WORLD! I WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM MY SUPER-FEATS IN THE OPEN!
SUPERGIRL ROCKET
SOMEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE, OUT OF ALL THE BILLIONS OF WORLDS, THERE EXISTS TERRA, A TWIN OF EARTH--WITH THE SAME OCEANS, CLIMATE, PEOPLE, LANGUAGES AND ALL ELSE! WHEN SUPERGIRL FINDS THIS SECOND EARTH, SHE DISCOVERS EVEN A DOUBLE OF HERSELF--AND OF SUPERMAN! BUT THERE ARE A FEW STRANGE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EARTH AND TERRA THAT BAFFLE SUPERGIRL AS SHE TAKES OVER FOR MARVEL MAID, HER SUPER-POWERED GIRL DOUBLE, AND THUS BECOMES...
The SUPERGIRL of TWO WORLDS!

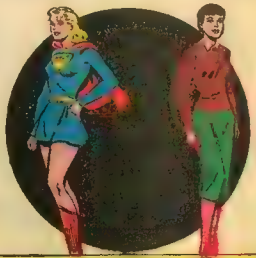
FARAWAY IN ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM THERE SPINS A WORLD CALLED **TERRA** WHICH IS ALMOST AN EXACT TWIN OF EARTH, EXCEPT FOR A FEW STRANGE DIFFERENCES!



HOWEVER, ON **TERRA**, THE CITIES, LANGUAGES AND PEOPLE ARE EXACTLY THE SAME AS ON EARTH!

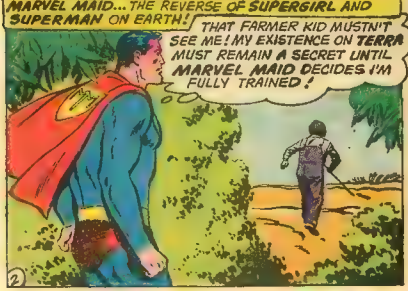


AND, BY ANOTHER STRANGE TWIST, THE CHAMPION OF **TERRA**'S PEOPLE IS A DOUBLE OF **SUPERGIRL** INSTEAD OF **SUPERMAN**!

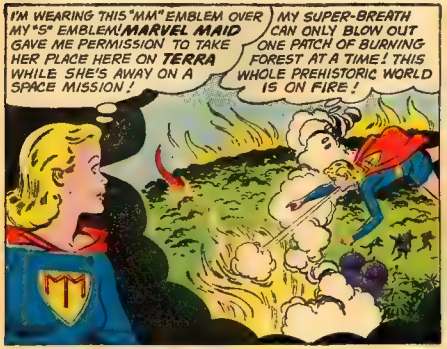


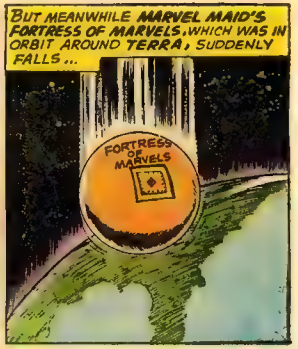
SHE IS KNOWN AS **MARVEL MAID**... AND HER OTHER IDENTITY IS... **LEA LINDY**!

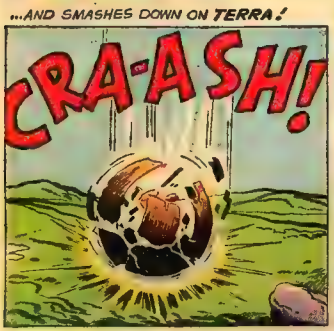
ON **TERRA**, SUPERMAN'S DOUBLE ALSO EXISTS, BUT HE IS CALLED **MARVEL MAN**! HE IS THE **SECRET WEAPON** OF **MARVEL MAID**... THE REVERSE OF **SUPERGIRL** AND **SUPERMAN** ON EARTH!

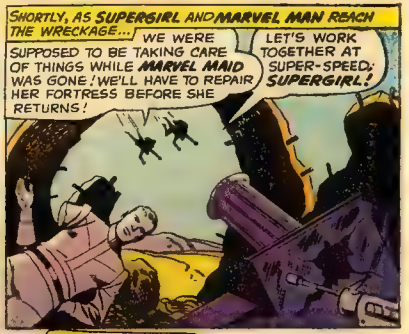


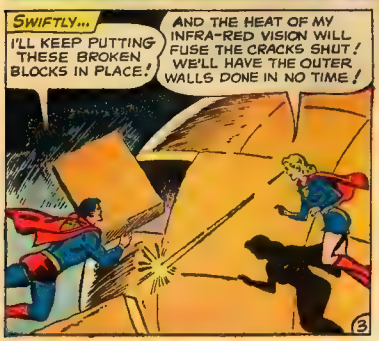
THIS ODDITY IS THE MOST AMAZING OF ALL TO **SUPERGIRL**, WHO HAS COME FROM EARTH TO VISIT **TERRA** FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE!


I'M WEARING THIS "MM" EMBLEM OVER MY "S" EMBLEM! MARVEL MAID GAVE ME PERMISSION TO TAKE HER PLACE HERE ON TERRA WHILE SHE'S AWAY ON A SPACE MISSION!
MY SUPER-BREATH CAN ONLY BLOW OUT ONE PATCH OF BURNING FOREST AT A TIME! THIS WHOLE PREHISTORIC WORLD IS ON FIRE!


BUT MEANWHILE MARVEL MAID'S FORTRESS OF MARVELS, WHICH WAS IN ORBIT AROUND TERRA, SUDDENLY FALLS...
FORTRESS OF MARVELS


...AND SMASHES DOWN ON TERRA!
CRA-A-SH!


SHORTLY, AS SUPERGIRL AND MARVEL MAN REACH THE WRECKAGE...
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING CARE OF THINGS WHILE MARVEL MAID WAS GONE! WE'LL HAVE TO REPAIR HER FORTRESS BEFORE SHE RETURNS!
LET'S WORK TOGETHER AT SUPER-SPEED, SUPERGIRL!


SWIFTLY...
I'LL KEEP PUTTING THESE BROKEN BLOCKS IN PLACE!
AND THE HEAT OF MY INFRA-RED VISION WILL FUSE THE CRACKS SHUT! WE'LL HAVE THE OUTER WALLS DONE IN NO TIME!
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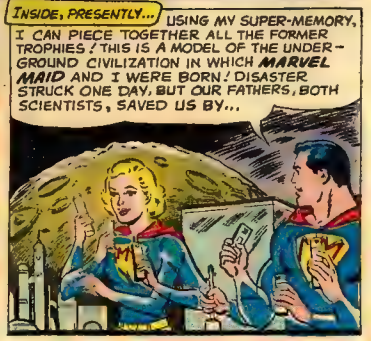

INSIDE, PRESENTLY...
USING MY SUPER-MEMORY, I CAN PIECE TOGETHER ALL THE FORMER TROPHIES! THIS IS A MODEL OF THE UNDER-GROUND CIVILIZATION IN WHICH MARVEL MAID AND I WERE BORN! DISASTER STRUCK ONE DAY, BUT OUR FATHERS, BOTH SCIENTISTS, SAVED US BY...

...SENDING US AWAY IN TWO ROCK-BORING ROCKETS LIKE THIS! LEAVING THE UPPER WORLD, WE GAINED SUPER-POWERS WHEN OUR BODIES ABSORBED COSMIC RAYS!

LATER, AFTER RECONSTRUCTING A PLANETARIUM MODEL OF THEIR SOLAR SYSTEM...

HOW ODD! THE MARS OF **YOUR** SOLAR SYSTEM HAS RINGS LIKE OUR SATURN! AND YOUR JUPITER HAS MORE THAN ONE **RED SPOT!**

SPOTTED JUPITER

RINGED MARS

TERRA

LATER, WHEN ANOTHER RELIC IS RESTORED...

THIS ONE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MYSTERY TO US! WE FOUND IT IN SPACE! IT SEEMS TO BE A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC WEAPON FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

HMM...IT LOOKS FAMILIAR SOMEHOW! WAIT...THERE'S A MAN'S FACE ETCHED ON IT!

MYSTERY WEAPON

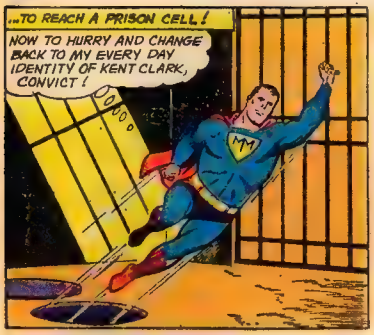
WHY, IT'S **LUTHOR**, EARTH'S RENEGADE SCIENTIST! **SUPERMAN** CAPTURED THIS DISINTEGRATING RAY FROM HIM YEARS AGO AND FLUNG IT INTO SPACE! HMM...WITHOUT KNOWING IT, YOU HAD A **SUPERMAN SOUVENIR** IN YOUR **FORTRESS OF MARVELS!**

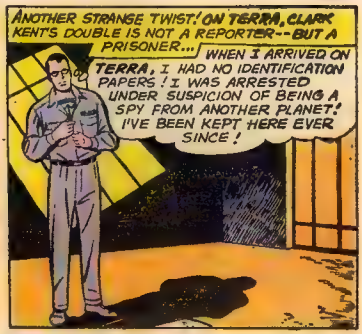
FINALLY, WHEN THE INTERIOR IS FIXED...

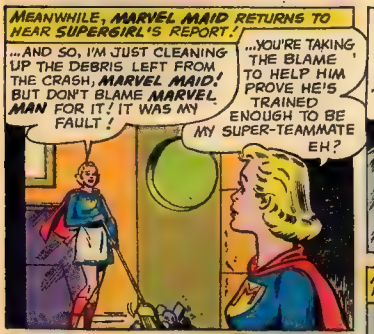
NOW WE'LL FLY THE FORTRESS BACK INTO ITS ORBIT ABOVE **TERRA!** I'LL WAIT INSIDE FOR **MARVEL MAID** TO RETURN FROM SPACE! BUT **MARVEL MAN** HAS TO HURRY AWAY TO SAVE HIS SECRET IDENTITY!

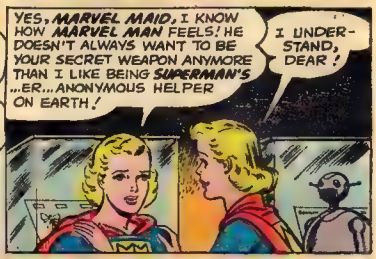
FORTRESS OF MARVELS

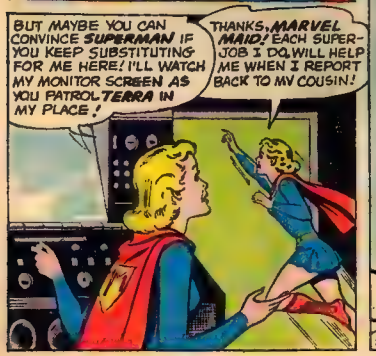
RETURNING TO **TERRA**, **MARVEL MAN** ENTERS A HIDDEN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL HE HAD DUG YEARS BEFORE!...

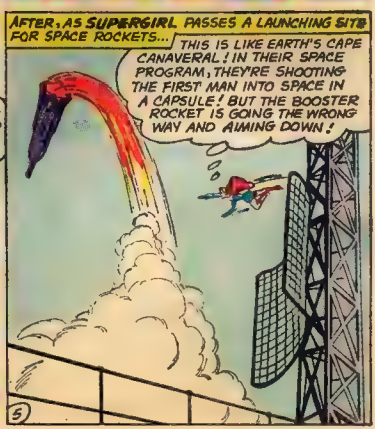

...TO REACH A PRISON CELL!
NOW TO HURRY AND CHANGE BACK TO MY EVERY DAY IDENTITY OF KENT CLARK, CONVICT!


ANOTHER STRANGE TWIST! ON TERRA, CLARK KENT'S DOUBLE IS NOT A REPORTER--BUT A PRISONER...
WHEN I ARRIVED ON TERRA, I HAD NO IDENTIFICATION PAPERS! I WAS ARRESTED UNDER SUSPICION OF BEING A SPY FROM ANOTHER PLANET! I'VE BEEN KEPT HERE EVER SINCE!

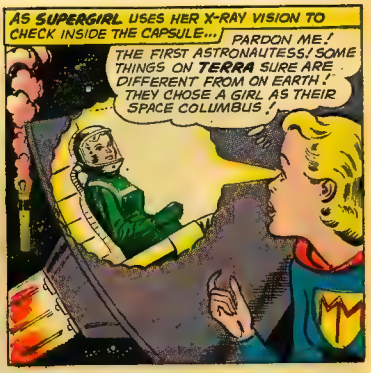

MEANWHILE, MARVEL MAID RETURNS TO HEAR SUPERGIRL'S REPORT!
...AND SO, I'M JUST CLEANING UP THE DEBRIS LEFT FROM THE CRASH, MARVEL MAID! BUT DON'T BLAME MARVEL MAN FOR IT! IT WAS MY FAULT!
...YOU'RE TAKING THE BLAME TO HELP HIM PROVE HE'S TRAINED ENOUGH TO BE MY SUPER-TEAMMATE EH?

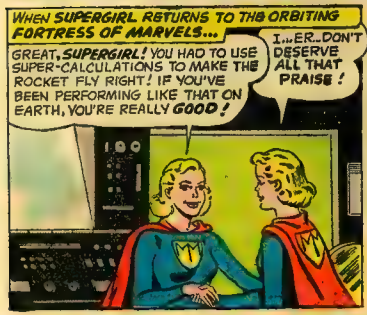

YES, MARVEL MAID, I KNOW HOW MARVEL MAN FEELS! HE DOESN'T ALWAYS WANT TO BE YOUR SECRET WEAPON ANYMORE THAN I LIKE BEING SUPERMAN'S ...ER... ANONYMOUS HELPER ON EARTH!
I UNDERSTAND, DEAR!

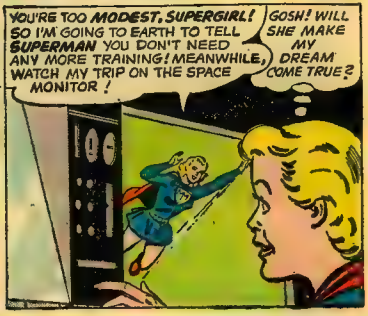

BUT MAYBE YOU CAN CONVINCE SUPERMAN IF YOU KEEP SUBSTITUTING FOR ME HERE! I'LL WATCH MY MONITOR SCREEN AS YOU PATROL TERRA IN MY PLACE!
THANKS, MARVEL MAID! EACH SUPER-JOB I DO WILL HELP ME WHEN I REPORT BACK TO MY COUSIN!

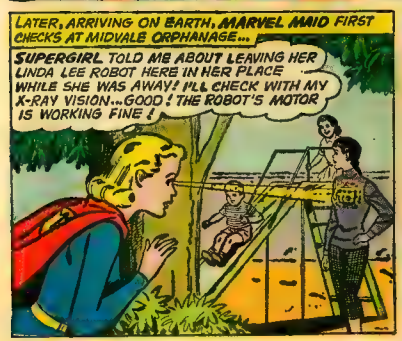

AFTER, AS SUPERGIRL PASSES A LAUNCHING SITE FOR SPACE ROCKETS...
THIS IS LIKE EARTH'S CAPE CANAVERAL! IN THEIR SPACE PROGRAM, THEY'RE SHOOTING THE FIRST MAN INTO SPACE IN A CAPSULE! BUT THE BOOSTER ROCKET IS GOING THE WRONG WAY AND AIMING DOWN!

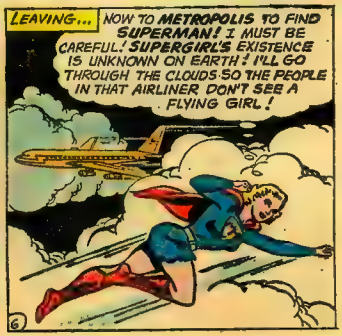
I WON'T LET THIS IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT FAIL! I'LL FORCE THE ROCKET UPRIGHT SO IT GOES ON AND PUTS THE FIRST ASTRONAUT OF TERRA INTO ORBIT!


AS SUPERGIRL USES HER X-RAY VISION TO CHECK INSIDE THE CAPSULE...
PARDON ME! THE FIRST ASTRONAUTESS! SOME THINGS ON TERRA SURE ARE DIFFERENT FROM ON EARTH! THEY CHOSE A GIRL AS THEIR SPACE COLUMBUS!

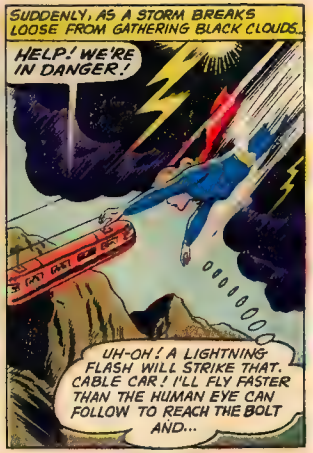

WHEN SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO THE ORBITING FORTRESS OF MARVELS...
GREAT, SUPERGIRL! YOU HAD TO USE SUPER-CALCULATIONS TO MAKE THE ROCKET FLY RIGHT! IF YOU'VE BEEN PERFORMING LIKE THAT ON EARTH, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD!
I...ER...DON'T DESERVE ALL THAT PRAISE!

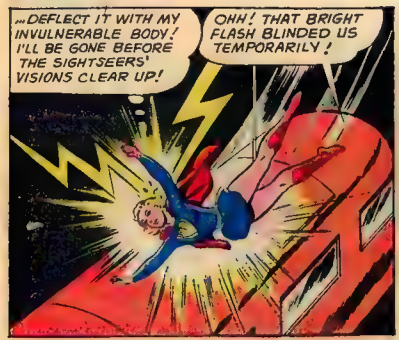

YOU'RE TOO MODEST, SUPERGIRL! SO I'M GOING TO EARTH TO TELL SUPERMAN YOU DON'T NEED ANY MORE TRAINING! MEANWHILE, WATCH MY TRIP ON THE SPACE MONITOR!
GOSH! WILL SHE MAKE MY DREAM COME TRUE?

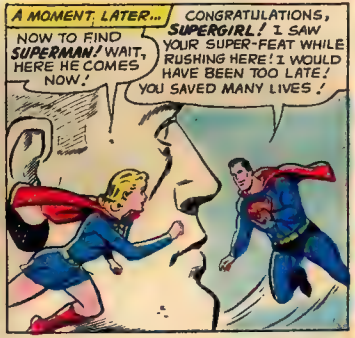

LATER, ARRIVING ON EARTH, MARVEL MAID FIRST CHECKS AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...
SUPERGIRL TOLD ME ABOUT LEAVING HER LINDA LEE ROBOT HERE IN HER PLACE WHILE SHE WAS AWAY! I'LL CHECK WITH MY X-RAY VISION...GOOD! THE ROBOT'S MOTOR IS WORKING FINE!

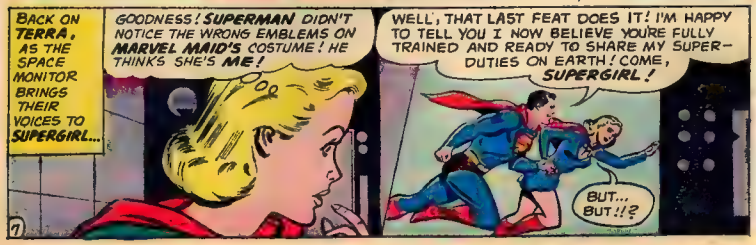

LEAVING...
NOW TO METROPOLIS TO FIND SUPERMAN! I MUST BE CAREFUL! SUPERGIRL'S EXISTENCE IS UNKNOWN ON EARTH! I'LL GO THROUGH THE CLOUDS SO THE PEOPLE IN THAT AIRLINER DON'T SEE A FLYING GIRL!

JUST BEFORE REACHING METROPOLIS, MARVEL MAID PASSES A MONUMENT CARVED IN HONOR OF A FAMOUS SUPER-PAIR!
HMM! SUPERGIRL IS MISSING AMONG THOSE GIANT CARVED FACES! BUT IT WON'T BE FOR LONG! AFTER I CONVINCE SUPERMAN TO ANNOUNCE HER TO THE EARTH PEOPLE, I KNOW HER FACE WILL BE ADDED TO MAKE IT A SUPER-TRIO!
SUPERMAN
KRYPTO


SUDDENLY, AS A STORM BREAKS LOOSE FROM GATHERING BLACK CLOUDS
HELP! WE'RE IN DANGER!
UH-OH! A LIGHTNING FLASH WILL STRIKE THAT CABLE CAR! I'LL FLY FASTER THAN THE HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW TO REACH THE BOLT AND...


...DEFLECT IT WITH MY INVULNERABLE BODY! I'LL BE GONE BEFORE THE SIGHTSEERS' VISIONS CLEAR UP!
OHH! THAT BRIGHT FLASH BLINDED US TEMPORARILY!


A MOMENT LATER...
NOW TO FIND SUPERMAN! WAIT, HERE HE COMES NOW!
CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERGIRL! I SAW YOUR SUPER-FEAT WHILE RUSHING HERE! I WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE! YOU SAVED MANY LIVES!


BACK ON TERRA, AS THE SPACE MONITOR BRINGS THEIR VOICES TO SUPERGIRL...
GOODNESS! SUPERMAN DIDN'T NOTICE THE WRONG EMBLEMS ON MARVEL MAID'S COSTUME! HE THINKS SHE'S ME!
WELL, THAT LAST FEAT DOES IT! I'M HAPPY TO TELL YOU I NOW BELIEVE YOU'RE FULLY TRAINED AND READY TO SHARE MY SUPER-DUTIES ON EARTH! COME, SUPERGIRL!
BUT... BUT!!?
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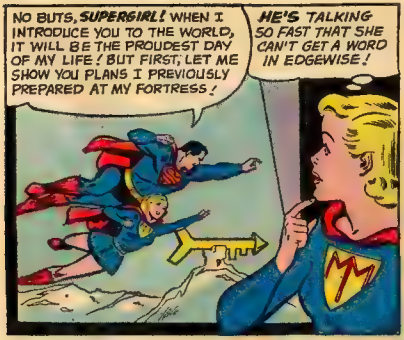
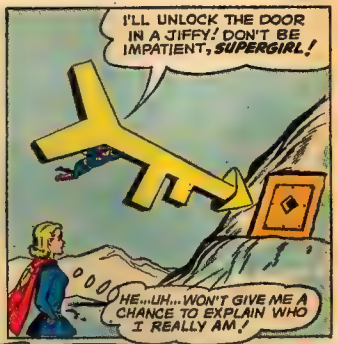
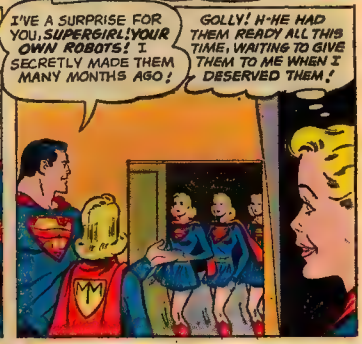
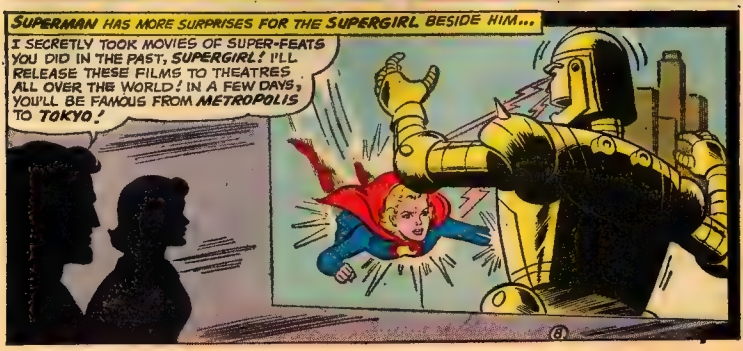
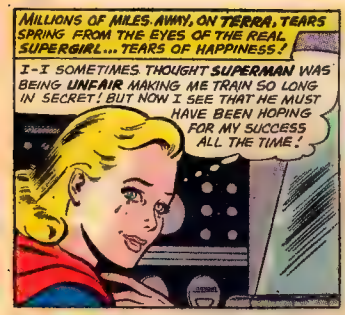

NO BUTS, SUPERGIRL! WHEN I INTRODUCE YOU TO THE WORLD, IT WILL BE THE PROUDEST DAY OF MY LIFE! BUT FIRST, LET ME SHOW YOU PLANS I PREVIOUSLY PREPARED AT MY FORTRESS!
HE'S TALKING SO FAST THAT SHE CAN'T GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE!

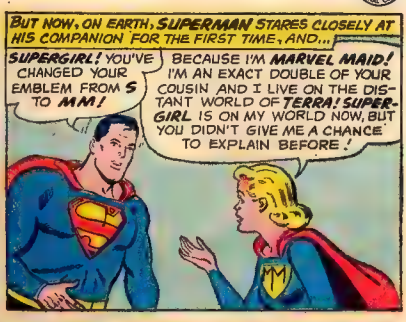

I'LL UNLOCK THE DOOR IN A JIFFY! DON'T BE IMPATIENT, SUPERGIRL!
HE...UH... WON'T GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN WHO I REALLY AM!

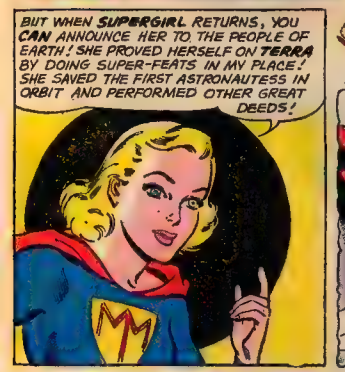
INSIDE, SUPERMAN GIVES A STRANGE COMMAND TO HIS ROBOTS...
ATTENTION, SUPERMAN ROBOTS! HEREAFTER YOU WILL OBEY MY COUSIN SUPERGIRL JUST AS YOU DO ME! AS OF THIS MOMENT SHE IS MY EQUAL PARTNER ON EARTH!
WE'RE AT YOUR SERVICE, MISTRESS SUPERGIRL!

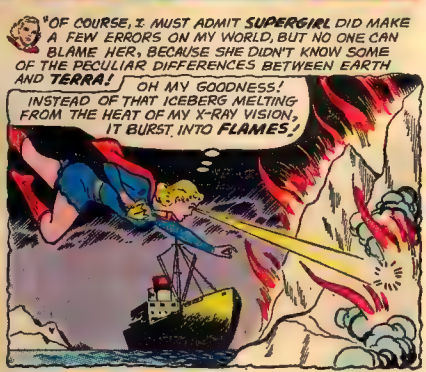

I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU, SUPERGIRL! YOUR OWN ROBOTS! I SECRETLY MADE THEM MANY MONTHS AGO!
GOLLY! H-HE HAD THEM READY ALL THIS TIME, WAITING TO GIVE THEM TO ME WHEN I DESERVED THEM!

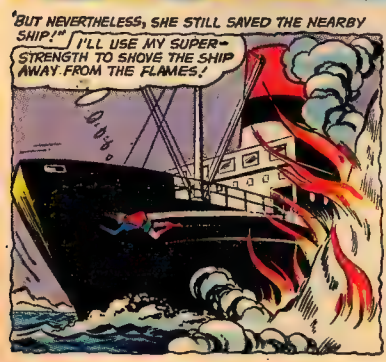

SUPERMAN HAS MORE SURPRISES FOR THE SUPERGIRL BESIDE HIM...
I SECRETLY TOOK MOVIES OF SUPER-FEATS YOU DID IN THE PAST, SUPERGIRL! I'LL RELEASE THESE FILMS TO THEATRES ALL OVER THE WORLD! IN A FEW DAYS, YOU'LL BE FAMOUS FROM METROPOLIS TO TOKYO!

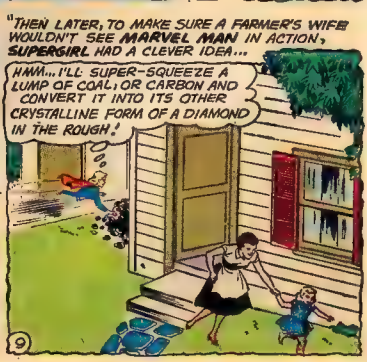

MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY, ON TERRA, TEARS SPRING FROM THE EYES OF THE REAL SUPERGIRL... TEARS OF HAPPINESS!
I-I SOMETIMES THOUGHT SUPERMAN WAS BEING UNFAIR MAKING ME TRAIN SO LONG IN SECRET! BUT NOW I SEE THAT HE MUST HAVE BEEN HOPING FOR MY SUCCESS ALL THE TIME!

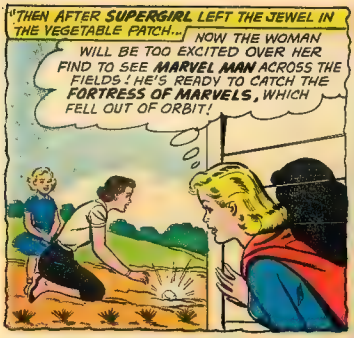

BUT NOW, ON EARTH, SUPERMAN STARES CLOSELY AT HIS COMPANION FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND...
SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR EMBLEM FROM S TO MM!
BECAUSE I'M MARVEL MAID! I'M AN EXACT DOUBLE OF YOUR COUSIN AND I LIVE ON THE DISTANT WORLD OF TERRA! SUPERGIRL IS ON MY WORLD NOW, BUT YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN BEFORE!

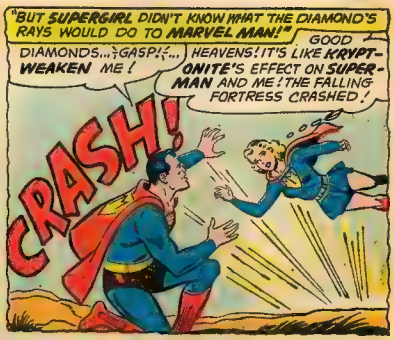

BUT WHEN SUPERGIRL RETURNS, YOU CAN ANNOUNCE HER TO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH! SHE PROVED HERSELF ON TERRA BY DOING SUPER-FEATS IN MY PLACE! SHE SAVED THE FIRST ASTRONAUTESS IN ORBIT AND PERFORMED OTHER GREAT DEEDS!

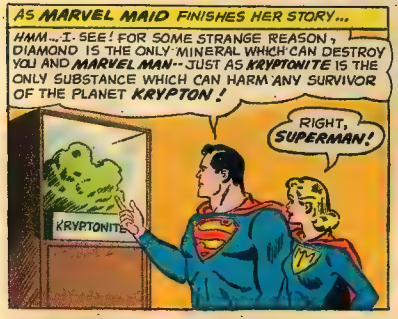

"OF COURSE, I MUST ADMIT SUPERGIRL DID MAKE A FEW ERRORS ON MY WORLD, BUT NO ONE CAN BLAME HER, BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T KNOW SOME OF THE PECULIAR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EARTH AND TERRA!
OH MY GOODNESS! INSTEAD OF THAT ICEBERG MELTING FROM THE HEAT OF MY X-RAY VISION, IT BURST INTO FLAMES!

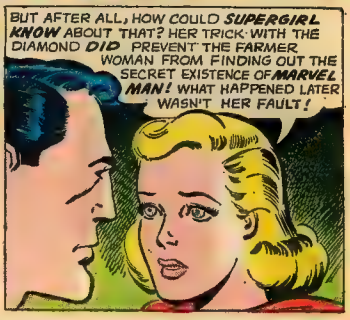

"BUT NEVERTHELESS, SHE STILL SAVED THE NEARBY SHIP!"
I'LL USE MY SUPER-STRENGTH TO SHOVE THE SHIP AWAY FROM THE FLAMES!


"THEN LATER, TO MAKE SURE A FARMER'S WIFE WOULDN'T SEE MARVEL MAN IN ACTION, SUPERGIRL HAD A CLEVER IDEA...
HMM... I'LL SUPER-SQUEEZE A LUMP OF COAL, OR CARBON AND CONVERT IT INTO ITS OTHER CRYSTALLINE FORM OF A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH!


"THEN AFTER SUPERGIRL LEFT THE JEWEL IN THE VEGETABLE PATCH..
NOW THE WOMAN WILL BE TOO EXCITED OVER HER FIND TO SEE MARVEL MAN ACROSS THE FIELDS! HE'S READY TO CATCH THE FORTRESS OF MARVELS, WHICH FELL OUT OF ORBIT!


"BUT SUPERGIRL DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE DIAMOND'S RAYS WOULD DO TO MARVEL MAN!"
DIAMONDS...? GASP!...
WEAKEN ME!
GOOD HEAVENS! IT'S LIKE KRYPTONITE'S EFFECT ON SUPERMAN AND ME! THE FALLING FORTRESS CRASHED!
CRASH!


AS MARVEL MAID FINISHES HER STORY...
HMM...I SEE! FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, DIAMOND IS THE ONLY MINERAL WHICH CAN DESTROY YOU AND MARVEL MAN--JUST AS KRYPTONITE IS THE ONLY SUBSTANCE WHICH CAN HARM ANY SURVIVOR OF THE PLANET KRYPTON!
RIGHT, SUPERMAN!
KRYPTONITE


BUT AFTER ALL, HOW COULD SUPERGIRL KNOW ABOUT THAT? HER TRICK WITH THE DIAMOND DID PREVENT THE FARMER WOMAN FROM FINDING OUT THE SECRET EXISTENCE OF MARVEL MAN! WHAT HAPPENED LATER WASN'T HER FAULT!

AS SUPERGIRL WATCHES ON THE SPACE MONITOR SCREEN...
AND OF COURSE, WEAKENING MARVEL MAN WITH A DIAMOND, IS AN EVENT THAT COULDN'T HAPPEN ON EARTH!
MARVEL MAID IS CONVINCING SUPERMAN THAT MY "MISTAKE" WITH THE DIAMOND SHOULDN'T COUNT AGAINST ME!
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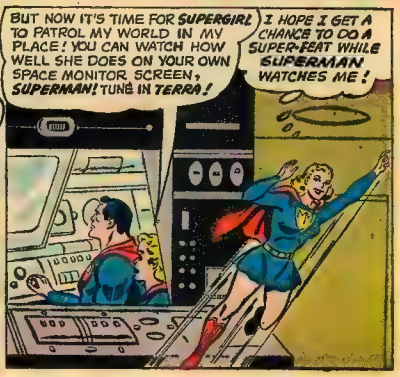
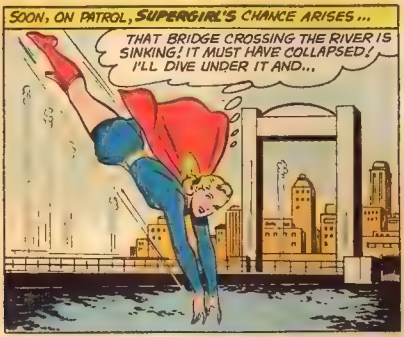
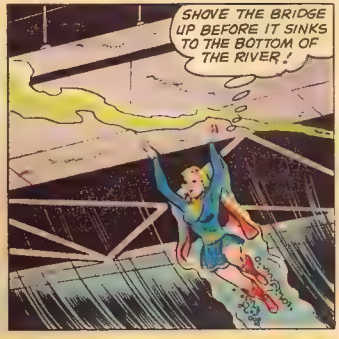
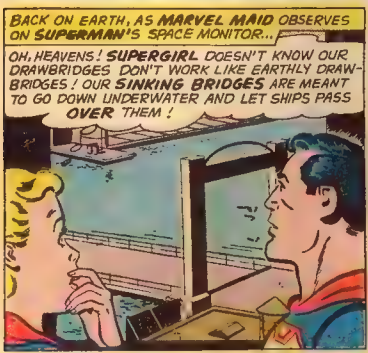
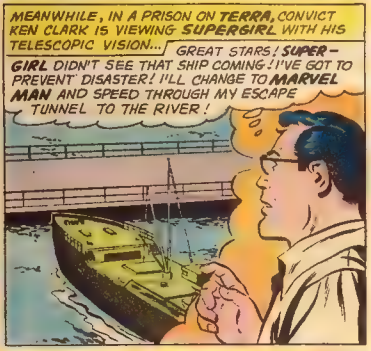
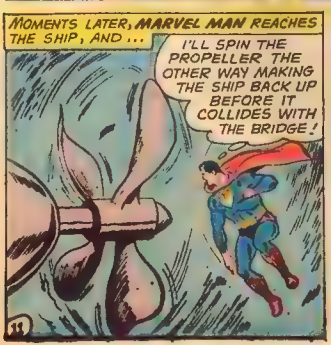

BUT NOW IT'S TIME FOR SUPERGIRL TO PATROL MY WORLD IN MY PLACE! YOU CAN WATCH HOW WELL SHE DOES ON YOUR OWN SPACE MONITOR SCREEN, SUPERMAN! TUNE IN TERRA!
I HOPE I GET A CHANCE TO DO A SUPER-FEAT WHILE SUPERMAN WATCHES ME!

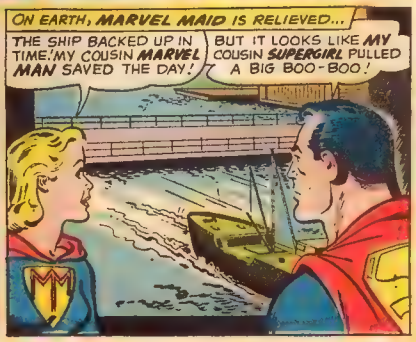

SOON, ON PATROL, SUPERGIRL'S CHANCE ARISES...
THAT BRIDGE CROSSING THE RIVER IS SINKING! IT MUST HAVE COLLAPSED! I'LL DIVE UNDER IT AND...

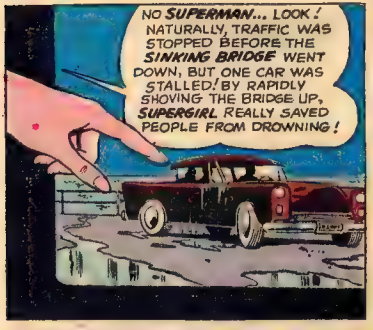

SHOVE THE BRIDGE UP BEFORE IT SINKS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER!

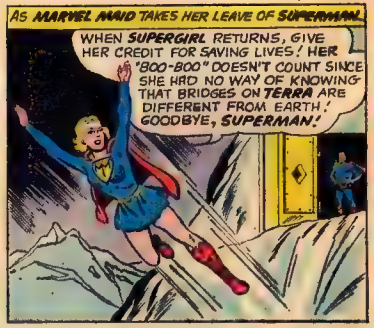

BACK ON EARTH, AS MARVEL MAID OBSERVES ON SUPERMAN'S SPACE MONITOR...
OH, HEAVENS! SUPERGIRL DOESN'T KNOW OUR DRAWBRIDGES DON'T WORK LIKE EARTHLY DRAWBRIDGES! OUR SINKING BRIDGES ARE MEANT TO GO DOWN UNDERWATER AND LET SHIPS PASS OVER THEM!

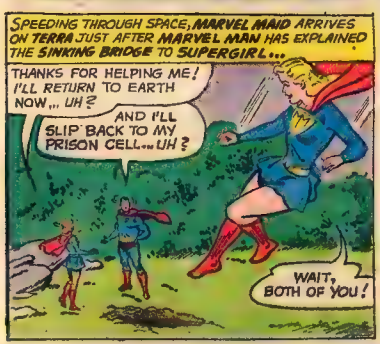

MEANWHILE, IN A PRISON ON TERRA, CONVICT KEN CLARK IS VIEWING SUPERGIRL WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION...
GREAT STARS! SUPERGIRL DIDN'T SEE THAT SHIP COMING! I'VE GOT TO PREVENT DISASTER! I'LL CHANGE TO MARVEL MAN AND SPEED THROUGH MY ESCAPE TUNNEL TO THE RIVER!

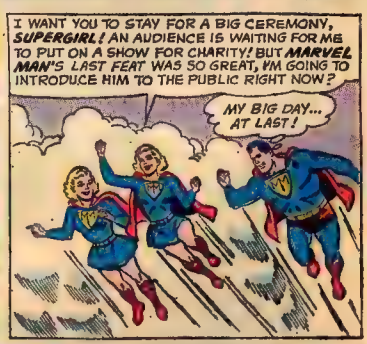

MOMENTS LATER, MARVEL MAN REACHES THE SHIP, AND...
I'LL SPIN THE PROPELLER THE OTHER WAY MAKING THE SHIP BACK UP BEFORE IT COLLIDES WITH THE BRIDGE!

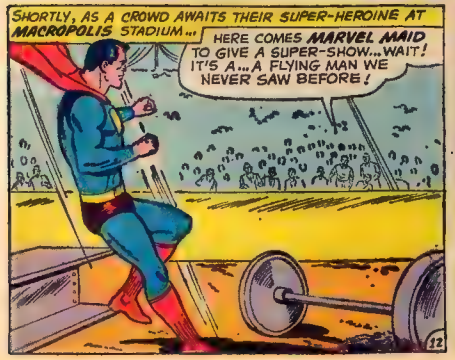

ON EARTH, MARVEL MAID IS RELIEVED...
THE SHIP BACKED UP IN TIME! MY COUSIN MARVEL MAN SAVED THE DAY!
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE MY COUSIN SUPERGIRL PULLED A BIG BOO-BOO!


NO SUPERMAN... LOOK! NATURALLY, TRAFFIC WAS STOPPED BEFORE THE SINKING BRIDGE WENT DOWN, BUT ONE CAR WAS STALLED! BY RAPIDLY SHOVING THE BRIDGE UP, SUPERGIRL REALLY SAVED PEOPLE FROM DROWNING!


AS MARVEL MAID TAKES HER LEAVE OF SUPERMAN...
WHEN SUPERGIRL RETURNS, GIVE HER CREDIT FOR SAVING LIVES! HER "800-800" DOESN'T COUNT SINCE SHE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT BRIDGES ON TERRA ARE DIFFERENT FROM EARTH! GOODBYE, SUPERMAN!


SPEEDING THROUGH SPACE, MARVEL MAID ARRIVES ON TERRA JUST AFTER MARVEL MAN HAS EXPLAINED THE SINKING BRIDGE TO SUPERGIRL...
THANKS FOR HELPING ME! I'LL RETURN TO EARTH NOW... UH?
AND I'LL SLIP BACK TO MY PRISON CELL... UH?
WAIT, BOTH OF YOU!


I WANT YOU TO STAY FOR A BIG CEREMONY, SUPERGIRL! AN AUDIENCE IS WAITING FOR ME TO PUT ON A SHOW FOR CHARITY! BUT MARVEL MAN'S LAST FEAT WAS SO GREAT, I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE HIM TO THE PUBLIC RIGHT NOW?
MY BIG DAY... AT LAST!


SHORTLY, AS A CROWD AWAITS THEIR SUPER-HEROINE AT MACROPOLIS STADIUM...
HERE COMES MARVEL MAID TO GIVE A SUPER-SHOW... WAIT! IT'S A... A FLYING MAN WE NEVER SAW BEFORE!
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AND LOOK... HE'S BURSTING CHAINS LIKE MERE STRING! HE HAS SUPER-POWERS LIKE MARVEL MAID! BUT WHO IS HE?

MARVEL MAID APPEARS TO END THEIR SUSPENSE...

PEOPLE OF **TERRA!** MEET MY COUSIN, **MARVEL MAN!** FOR YEARS HE WAS IN TRAINING AS MY SECRET WEAPON! BUT HEREAFTER HE WILL BE MY **SUPER-PARTNER** AND SHARE MY SUPER-DUTIES!

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OBSERVING THE SUPER-CEREMONY FROM HIDING, **SUPERGIRL** NOW TAKES HER LEAVE...

HURRAY FOR **MARVEL MAN!**

GOLLY! I'LL HAVE THE SAME THRILL WHEN I REACH EARTH, THANKS TO **MARVEL MAID!** SHE CONVINCED **SUPERMAN** I'M READY TO BE REVEALED TO EARTH'S PEOPLE!

BUT WHEN **SUPERGIRL** ARRIVES AT THE **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE...**

SUPERMAN! WH-WHY DID YOU PUT MY **SUPERGIRL** ROBOTS AWAY AGAIN?

BECAUSE YOU WON'T NEED THEM... YET! YOUR EXPERIMENT ON **TERRA** FAILED! YOU'LL SEE WHY IF YOU FOCUS YOUR SUPER-VISION ACROSS SPACE INTO THE MAIN LIBRARY IN **MACROPOLIS!**

SEE? THAT BOOK TELLS ALL ABOUT THE "ICEBERGS" THAT BURN, HOW DIAMONDS CAN WEAKEN SUPER-BEINGS LIKE **MARVEL MAID...** AND THE FACTS ABOUT THEIR **SINKING BRIDGES!**

WONDERS OF TERRA

I GOT IT, **SUPERMAN!** MY BIGGEST BOO-BOO WAS NOT STUDYING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EARTH AND **TERRA** RIGHT AWAY! EACH OF MY "MISTAKES" COULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED!

YES, **SUPERGIRL,** WHENEVER I VISIT A STRANGE CIVILIZATION, I ALWAYS GET FULL INFORMATION AT ONE OF THEIR LIBRARIES FIRST, SO THAT **NOTHING** CAN TAKE ME BY SURPRISE!

LATER, AS **SUPERGIRL** RESUMES HER ROLE OF LINDA LEE AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE...

I GOOFED! BUT AT LEAST I KNOW THAT MY COUSIN **SUPERMAN** IS ROOTING FOR ME! SOMEDAY, WHEN I'M REALLY READY, HE'LL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ME HIS **SUPER-PARTNER!**

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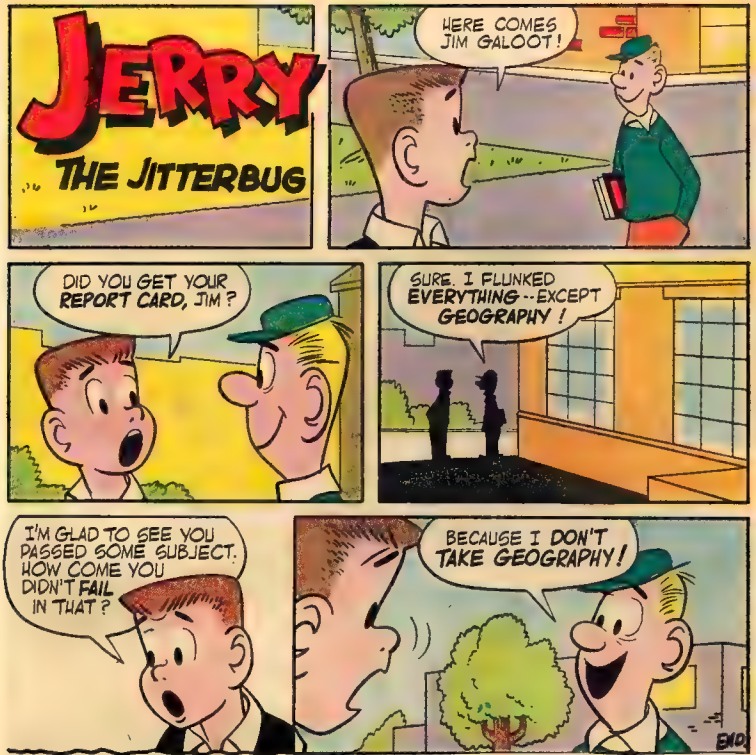

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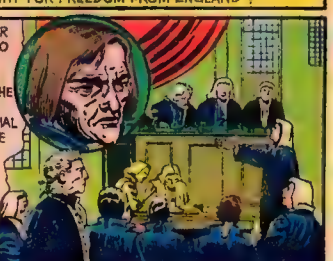

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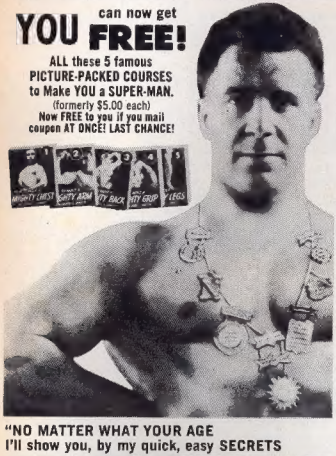

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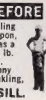

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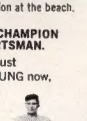

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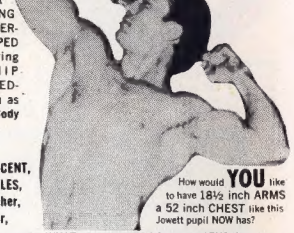

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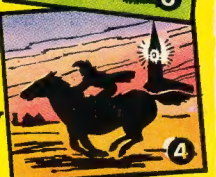

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